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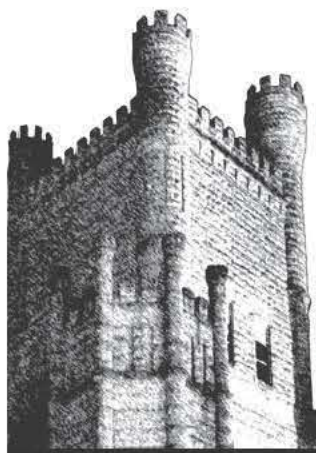
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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

Flu vaccine shortages leave county in the cold

BY MICHAEL SCHROEDER
CITY REPORTER

Coles County Health Department announced that due to the current flu vaccine shortage they will not be receiving their order of flu vaccine.

As a result, the department has had to cancel all the clinics they host throughout the county, said Michelle Mathews, a registered nurse and the communal disease investigator for the Coles County Health Department.

Mathews said the health department administers approximately 4,000 shots a year at their clinics including a clinic for Eastern's faculty.

The health department has no vaccines and if someone falls into the priority group they have to contact their health care provider, she said. However, if one is not in the priority group they will not be able to receive

"We have been shipped 300 doses due to the shortage and most likely will not receive any more."

LYNETTE DRAKE,
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES

the shot, she warned.

"People need to forgo (the vaccine) so people who need to get them can get it," Mathews said.

Some private physicians may have flu shots also, but they, too, should be giving the shot to only those who are labeled a priority, she said.

While the health department is optimistic that they will eventually get some vaccine, they understand that

the odds are not great.

"I would hate to say we aren't getting any (vaccines), but we aren't saying we're getting any until we have them in hand," Mathews said.

She explained that the reason for the flu vaccine shortage is that there are only two manufactures of the vaccine and one of them, Chiron, was not allowed to distribute their shots because some bacteria was found in the batches of the vaccine.

Coles County orders their vaccines through the Illinois Public Health Consortium in order to get "better buying power," Mathews said.

Unfortunately, the consortium ordered their shots from Chiron, Mathews said. It was a luck of the draw, and the counties who ordered from the other flu vaccine manufac-

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Because of shortages, the Influenza virus vaccination will only be given to priority groups.

List of priority groups for vaccines

- ♦ **Children** age 6 to 23 months.
- ♦ **Adults** age 65 years and older.
- ♦ **Persons** age 2 to 65 years with underlying medical conditions.
- ♦ **Residents** of all nursing homes and long term care facilities.
- ♦ **Children** aged 6 months to 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy.
- ♦ **Health care** workers involved in direct patient care.
- ♦ **Out-of-home** care givers and household contacts of children aged less than 6 months



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Julie Hendricks (left), a senior health studies major, and Kristen Johnson, a junior health studies major, work together to put pink ribbons for breast cancer awareness on a tree near Booth Library Thursday afternoon.

RAISING AWARENESS

Group adds pink ribbons on campus to remember lives lost to breast cancer

BY JENNIFER SMITH
STAFF WRITER

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and pink ribbons now adorn the trees of Eastern to remember lives lost and raise awareness for a cure.

Armed with over one-hundred pink ribbons, members of Eastern's Health Honorary, Eta Sigma Gamma, combed campus Thursday afternoon adding a little bit of pink to the trees to raise awareness for breast cancer.

Tasha Thursby, a senior health studies

major and president of Eta Sigma Gamma, said she hopes the ribbons make more people aware of the disease.

"We're going to cover campus," she said. "Everyone will be able to look at those and think of someone."

Kasey Ollie, senior health studies major and secretary of Eta Sigma Gamma, said she got the idea from an internship she did this summer.

"I worked at a health department with people with breast and cervical cancer," she said.

Ollie said that making the students and community more aware of breast cancer is very important.

"Prevention is the key," she said. "I thought we should start something here."

The ribbons were placed on trees in popular areas of campus so students everywhere would notice them.



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Hendricks, Johnson (pictured at top) and other members of Eta Sigma Gamma, a health honorary fraternity, placed pink ribbons around campus.

"We want to get them where people will see them," Thursby said.

Karie O'Conner, a senior health studies

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HOMEcoming EVENTS

Extra security for parade, again

BY MICHAEL SCHROEDER
CITY REPORTER

The city of Charleston is preparing for Eastern's homecoming parade by increasing security and working with university police and students.

To prevent the type of heckling that happened in 2002 and other incidents, the city and Eastern changed the manner of security at homecoming weekend last year to better serve the community and will follow the same format this year, said Charleston's Assistant Police Chief Roger Cunningham.

"We're beefing up police at the intersections of Sixth and Seventh street," said Lt. John Hatfill of the University Police Department. "It will be a joint effort between the Charleston Police Department and us."

He said there may also be some Coles County officers available for further assistance.

As part of the new plan, local police forces have started patrolling earlier; now at 7 a.m. instead of 8:30 a.m., Cunningham said.

The police also added what Cunningham described as response teams that will watch for potential problems.

"We will be monitoring along the route, specifically looking for underage drinking and public possession of alcohol," Cunningham said.

The early-hour patrols will also target areas that had any intervention with the police from the night before, Hatfill said.

For the second year in a row, Eastern will supply between 35 and 40 students to assist in monitoring the parade, said Jessica Huber, the homecoming committee's parade co-chair.

Huber said students will watch for trouble and alert the police of any incidents.

"There will be no enforcement from them, just advisement to us," Cunningham said.

Charleston Mayor Dan Cougill said the increase in security this weekend results in a lot of overtime for the city. It starts with the street crews barricading off the designated

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FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY
53
40
Mostly cloudy

SATURDAY
53
36
Partly cloudy

SUNDAY
61
47
Partly cloudy

MONDAY
63
42
Scattered storms

TUESDAY
61
44
Partly cloudy

PEOPLE

Corgan embarks on solo career

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO - Billy Corgan was warming up with a children's chorus for a charity event when the host joked that the youngsters could join him on tour someday.

"Well, yeah, if you look at my history with bands, it always turns out real good," the singer-songwriter said, laughing. "I'm sure it will be a positive experience for them, too."

Corgan was being wry. In 2000, his multiplatinum band the Smashing Pumpkins _ a leader in the early 1990s alternative rock revolution _ broke up after 13 strife-ridden years, and his subsequent project, Zwan, dissolved after only one album. Fellow band members characterized him as a perfectionist.

Corgan, who now jokes about his "tyrannical" ways, is beginning a new phase of his career _ alone.

The 37-year-old spent September and early October in a Chicago recording studio, finishing work on his first solo album, scheduled for release on Warner Bros. Records in the spring.

"This has been the most peaceful album I've ever done," Corgan said. "There's nobody to fight with, there's nobody to yell at, there's nobody to say you're not trying hard enough. It's strictly a personal journey."

Corgan is also writing a novel, working on a DVD of acoustic songs from a concert last spring, and spent the baseball season as a "correspondent" for Chicago radio station WXRT-FM, talking about his beloved Chicago Cubs.

He also just released a book of poetry, "Blinking With Fists," published by Faber and Faber, Inc., and is spending the rest of October on a 16-city tour of poetry readings and book signings to support it.

In the recording studio, Corgan is relaxed, talkative and tired. He has the beginnings of a beard, and hair is growing back on his signature shaven head. He was in the studio 50 straight days, trying to finish mixing work on the album before heading out on the poetry tour.

CORRECTIONS

In Thursday's issue of *The Daily Eastern News*, Betsy Miller, assistant to the dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, was referred to as assistant dean of the College of Arts and Humanities.

In the same issue, the number of competitors in the "Who Wants to be a Mascot" contest was reported incorrectly. Five participants registered to compete, but only four actually participated. In the same article the reported amount of one of the prizes was incorrect. The third place contestant received a \$20 gift certificate, not a \$25 certificate.

The News regrets the errors.

TIGHT ENOUGH?



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CDT Keith Albaugh (right), a junior political science major, gets some help tightening his rope while demonstrating how to quip yourself with a "swiss seat" Thursday evening near the Campus Pond during a ROTC lab. The Panther Battalion uses the seat to help secure themselves to rope a bridge.

ONLINE POLL

In correlation to Homecoming Week's superhero theme, this week's poll asks what two superheroes they would most like to see in a fight...

17% (11 VOTES)	42% (28 VOTES)	9% (6 VOTES)	32% (21 VOTES)
A) Batman vs. Superman	B) Catwoman vs. Wonderwoman	C) Iceman vs. The Human Torch	D) Mighty Mouse vs. Underdog.

COUNTING DOWN

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Days until the homecoming parade.

WORD DU JOUR

homecoming:

1. a return home
2. the return of a group of people usually on a special occasion to a place formerly frequented or regarded as home; an annual celebration for alumni at a college or university

WTF?

Pet lizard blamed for causing house fire

MARY ESTHER, Fla. - A pet lizard is being blamed for causing a fire that severely damaged a house, killed the reptile and put a cat in an animal hospital.

The blaze began after the large orange lizard, one of Lynn Robinson's many pets, escaped from its cage Wednesday in this Fort Walton Beach suburb, said state fire marshal's investigator Gary Gazillo.

The lizard apparently knocked over a heat lamp atop the cage that landed on a comforter lying on the floor. That ignited the fire that caused an estimated \$20,000 in damage to the modest three-bedroom rental house, Gazillo said.

Although rare, Gazillo said it wasn't the first time he has investigated a fire caused by a lizard and a heat lamp.

The flames were contained in a matter of minutes to the back bedroom, said Dave Messerschmidt, a battalion chief with the Fort Walton Beach Fire Department.

Robinson and her husband, David, were at work. Firefighters and neighbors rescued their two dogs, a second lizard and one of her cats, Chewy, which was treated for smoke inhalation.

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Dance-A-Thon

Students dance the night away to raise money for cancer

By JENNIFER KAMMES
STAFF WRITER

Having fun and dancing for a good cause was the theme Thursday when students turned out to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

The dance-a-thon, entitled "Rockin' Against Cancer," brought out dozens of students from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. last night ready to dance and just have fun for a worthy cause.

Many members of the Greek organizations were involved, representing their fraternities or sororities.

"I love to dance, and all the money goes to the American Cancer Society," said Asia Parker, a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha.

In preparation for the dance, many of the students practiced routines and choreographed moves beforehand to perform on the dance floor in the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

When it came time to show their stuff, all of the practiced moves were forgotten, and students improvised in the mix of music, fog, neon lights and fun.

"I love to dance, and it is worth the cause," said Judy Vora, a member



LINDSEY CHOY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Levi Bulgar, a freshman psychology major, busts a move on Thursday night during the Dance-A-Thon in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King University Union.

of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

The song used to start off the night was "Get This Party Started" by Pink.

Students were pumped before the dance, and once it started, the energy continued to flow through the room.

"I'm here supporting my boyfriend who is dancing tonight," said Katherine Hamilton, a sophomore more communication studies major and member of Alpha Phi.

The only rules given to the stu-

dents were they had to dance as couples, no "dirty dancing" would be accepted and couples must keep going each round without stopping.

All of the rounds lasted for thirty-five minutes with breaks in between every other round.

Students were also rewarded with door prizes such as t-shirts, key chains and plastic Eastern cups throughout the evening.

With a variety of music ranging from hip-hop to country to "YMCA," students seemed to enjoy



LAURA MILEN/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jay Amberson, an undecided freshman, tips Nikki Happ, a sophomore nursing major, Thursday night during the Dance-A-Thon in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King University Union.

themselves for a great cause. A large number of students participated, and their attitudes were enthusiastic.

Results on the Web

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NCA meetings open to community for commentary

By KYLE MAYHUGH
STAFF WRITER

Students, faculty and staff are being asked to give their opinions regarding an online report that will help the university renew its accreditation.

The NCA self-study report is put together by the university to show how it is meeting requirements for accreditation. Universities must renew their accreditation every 10 years, and Eastern's renewal is scheduled for February.

"The primary focus is to get feedback on the accuracy and clarity of the report," said Jill Owen, co-chair of the NCA self-study steering committee. "We want to make sure it gives an accurate account of what goes on here at the university."

The NCA committee will be holding three meetings where the public has the opportunity to discuss the report.

In addition to the open meetings, the NCA committee will be meeting with governing bodies and student

organizations.

"We really want to make sure we've heard from everyone so that everyone at Eastern has a chance to make sure our report is accurate and complete," said Robert Augustine, co-chair of the NCA self-study steering committee.

Augustine said he hopes that the suggestions will add new information to the report, not just point out inaccuracies.

"It's a big university, and we don't want to miss anything that has happened in the last 10 years," Augustine

said. "If we've missed an area that we should highlight about ourselves to the crediting agency, we want to know."

All department chairs are being asked to review the report and discuss it with their faculty.


Dana Ringuette, chair of the English department, said he plans to study the report this weekend.

"Since it's online I'm going to try and wade through it," Ringuette said.

Accreditation is a requirement for an institution to receive federal money and student aid.

Public meetings

- ◆ Oct. 18 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. room 2442 in Buzzard
- ◆ Oct. 21 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. room 1120 in Coleman
- ◆ Oct. 27 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. room 2210 in Old Main
- ◆ The NCA self study report is available at <http://www.eiu.edu/~acafair/NCA/draft.htm>



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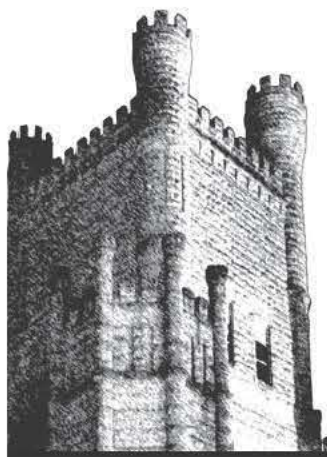
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COLUMN

Votes count: mine, yours and the guy next to you



APRIL MCLAREN

SENIOR JOURNALISM
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**McLaren is the
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The Daily Eastern
News.**

As I traveled nearly two hours home last Thursday I couldn't help but look forward to the three-day weekend ahead of me, away from school, away from homework and away from stress.

While I was anxious to catch up with family and friends, it was not the most important thing on my agenda for the weekend. The No. 1 thing on my list was to wake up Friday morning, head to the Kankakee County building across town and mark up a rather important piece of paper known as an absentee ballot.

If you are anything like me, you may be a bit tired of hearing Bush this and Kerry that. Bush stinks at this but Kerry really stinks at that.

It is the biggest and probably the most important thing in the news right now, yet it is still not setting into some people's minds that the election is something important Americans need to participate in.

When I asked my mom who she was voting for, she laughed. Then I remembered, she has never voted for as long as I have known her and she probably never will. She is one of many Americans who continually think her vote doesn't count and

won't take the time to go to the polls and put in her opinion.

My stepfather is also a non-voter, yet he is one who continually complains about the president and all the horrible things he is doing. Who does he think he is throwing a fit about a president he hasn't even taken the time to vote for or against?

And while it is important for all Americans to vote, it is specifically important for

women. Did you know that it wasn't until 1920 that women won their right to vote? That means women haven't even been voting for a hundred years.

It was obviously such a "huge privilege" because only men could "handle" the serious decision making. And in case some of you didn't know, women are the majority which means women's votes actually do matter. Because of this, women need to take advantage of this privilege they have worked so hard for.

But it's not only women's votes. It's everyone's votes that matter. I don't think anyone will forget what happened in Florida in 2000.

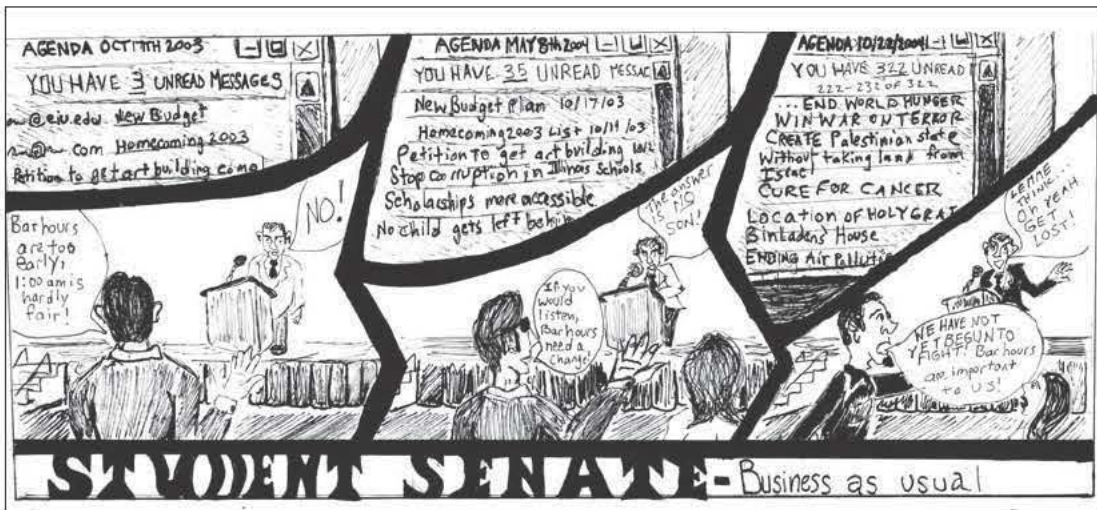
The entire election was based on about 500 votes in the state. Some like to think their one single vote won't count, but what more proof do you need?

While I was home I actually sat down in front of the television for more than an hour and ran across Jennifer Aniston on a commercial asking questions like, "Girls, would you let someone else pick out your clothes? What about your husband? Then why would you let someone pick your president?"

Point perfectly made. Our vote is just as important as the guy next to us in line at the polls. Our sex is no where on that ballot, so it's not like our vote doesn't matter.

So male or female, we need to take advantage of the opportunity we have every four years on the first Tuesday in November. If you want to sit and complain about the government and who is running it, earn that right to complain by taking the extra moments in your life to fill out the ballot. **VOTE!**

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY RICH LAKEBERG



EDITORIAL

Bar hours issue won't change

Last year, around the same time as right now, Student Senate attempted to go to Charleston's City Council in an effort to get the city to extend the bar hours from 1 to 2 a.m.

The resolution, which was penned by then Student Senate Speaker Mike Walsh, Student Body President Caleb Judy and Student Executive Vice President Bill Davidson, proclaimed the movement to be for the students.

The members also thought the resolution, if passed, would keep more people in Charleston over the weekends and provide a safer drinking environment if people stayed at the bars for another hour instead of going to a house party.

This year, Student Senate has decided to write up the same sort of resolution to give to the same members of Charleston's City Council. The same members who turned it down just a short time ago.

There doesn't seem to be much of a point to this, considering the odds are still against the resolution passing because the three members who voted against it would probably still hold their same position.

Last year city council members Lorelei Sims and Mayor

At issue

Student Senate bringing up extension of the bar hours.

Our stance

It is likely that the same five council members will not change their votes and spending time on this issue would be a waste of time.

Dan Coughlin were the two who voted for it. The members who did not vote for it included Marge Knoop, Larry Rennels and John Winnett.

If Student Government were to send a proposal of the same subject matter to the same group of people, there would most likely be the same result.

A more substantial decision for Student Government would be just simply to wait. In the spring, all four of the members on the City Council will be up for election. If any of those seats change during that time, the proposition would have a much more serious chance of passing.

With just one vote in need to swing the vote in favor of extending bar hours, just one seat change out of the four would put a new spin on the resolution.

While the council remains the same, Student Senate should not waste its time on increasing bar hours and put their efforts into other things that can actually help the students.

*The editorial is the majority opinion of
The Daily Eastern News editorial board.*

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANKS TO THE CHARLESTON COMMUNITY

Eastern Illinois University has always prided itself on the strong sense of community that it conveys to students. Recently, unfortunate events (the house fire at 1515 3rd Street) have shown my four roommates and myself just how strong the community at our university is.

But support for us did not just come from the university. The whole community of Charleston pulled together to make sure that we were provided for.

After losing our home away from home there is no doubt that all of us were stressed out, confused and wor-

ried. But with Charleston's strong community and Eastern's great support we all had a big hand in picking up the pieces of our destroyed house and moving forward.

In the end, what makes us emotional are not the items lost in the fire, but the great joy that we have such a wonderful support system in the city of Charleston, our track and field team and at Eastern Illinois University.

So we would like to say thank you to everyone who assisted us in a time of need. Every little bit of assistance that we were offered was a great help to all of us. With that being said, here is a list of those that had a huge hand in getting us back on our feet:

The American Red Cross; President Lou Hencken; Eastern Illinois Track & Field Coaching Staff and all of our Teammates; Tom Akers and Family; Betty Ralston; The Charleston Fire Department; Rich McDuffie; M & L Properties; Eastern Illinois University Athletic Department; Wal-Mart; The Men of the Delta Chi Fraternity; The Eastern Illinois Women's Volleyball Team; All of our understanding professors; and all the others that came to our aid.

Sincerely,

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Police: Eyewitness identified Potts as gunman

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD - A witness who saw a gunman in the Capitol seconds after a security guard was shot to death later picked Derek W. Potts out of a police lineup, authorities said.

Sgt. Daniel Hassinger of the secretary of state's police told a Sangamon County coroner's jury Wednesday that the witness turned after hearing a loud shot and saw a man matching Potts' description holding a rifle or shotgun.

The witness positively identified Potts in a police lineup, Hassinger said.

Potts, 24, is charged with murder in the Sept. 20 death of William Wozniak, 51, an 18-year security guard at the Statehouse.

Potts, who had recently dropped out of college in Springfield, has a history of mental illness, authorities said. His next court date is Oct. 28.

LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY FINALLY OPENS TO THE PUBLIC

SPRINGFIELD - Once a month, Ocheng Jany would dutifully head downtown and take pictures of the mammoth building rising from the ground. He finally found out what it looked like on the inside when the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library opened for business Thursday.

Hundreds of history buffs joined state officials inside the three-story, state-of-the-art facility to

celebrate the occasion, which comes after months of delay and years of political infighting.

The building is now home to the Illinois State Historical Library and its 12 million items including 47,000 Lincoln artifacts. There are six miles of bookshelves inside and room for 258,400 reels of microfilm, along with reading rooms, research areas, education classrooms and conference rooms.

The goal is to preserve those artifacts and make them more accessible to scholars. Meanwhile, the general public will get a high-tech look at Lincoln's life at a museum being built across the street.

TOUR BUS FRAME INCLUDED IN SAFETY CHECKLIST

CHICAGO - A bus involved in a fatal crash in Arkansas last weekend passed an Illinois safety inspection in August that included the frame, which federal investigators say had serious cracks.

The private contractor that did the inspection stood by it Thursday, but state officials said they were checking to make sure the inspection was done according to federal guidelines.

It's unclear when the cracks developed and whether they played any role in the crash, in which 14 people were killed and 16 injured.

Federal authorities believe the cracks in the part of the bus frame that kept the engine in

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place existed before Saturday's accident and said they were serious enough to necessitate it being pulled off the road until the problem was fixed.

A copy of the Aug. 12 safety report filed with the Illinois Department of Transportation indicated no problems in a 13-point safety checklist.

JUDGE WANTS EVIDENCE BEFORE GIVING FAWELL'S FIANCEE BREAK

CHICAGO - A federal judge preparing to sentence the fiancée of former Gov. George Ryan's top aide for perjury said Thursday that before he gives her the break being urged by prosecutors, he wants to see some evidence that she deserves it.

"It seems to me that there has to be some evidence in light of the uniqueness of the circumstances," U.S. District Judge James F. Holderman said.

Prosecutors say Andrea Coutretsis, 35, persuaded her fiancé, Scott Fawell, to become a key government witness who is now expected to testify if the racketeering charge against Ryan and his lobbyist friend Larry Warner goes to trial.

Fawell, 47, Ryan's right-hand man throughout his decade-long climb to the governor's office, is serving a 6 1/2-year racketeering sentence at a South Dakota prison. He agreed to help prosecutors if they recommended a lighter sentence for Coutretsis.

LONGTIME CHICAGO TRIBUNE REPORTER TOM BUCK DIES AT 87

CHICAGO - John Thomas "Tom" Buck, a longtime reporter for the Chicago Tribune who chronicled his six decades as a journalist in a book published last year, has died. He was 87.

Buck died Tuesday of pulmonary hypertension in his Evanston home, his family said.

He was born in Star City, Ind., on March 18, 1917, and began working in the newspaper business as a delivery boy, said his wife, Ruth Moss Buck. After attending Indiana University, he moved to Chicago in 1939 to work for the City News Bureau. The following year, he joined the Tribune staff, where he worked until 1973, except during World War II, when he served in the Army, both stateside and in Europe.

After leaving the Tribune, Buck managed the public relations office of the Chicago Transit Authority for six years.

Besides his wife, Buck is survived by a daughter, a son and four grandchildren.

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turer, Aventis Pasteur, will have a limited supply of vaccines. The department realized Wednesday's odds were very slim that the shots would come through.

"We didn't want people to think we were getting them when we weren't, so we went public with what we knew," Mathews said.

The consortium is trying to get some of the unclaimed vaccines from Aventis Pasteur, but Mathews understands that it is not guaranteed.

If Coles County Health Department does get the shots, they will let the public know as soon as possible, Mathews said.

Another method in which Coles County can obtain the vaccine is through the Center of Disease Control and Prevention.

Karen Hunter, spokeswoman for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, said Thursday that the CDC is working with local agencies to find where the vaccine has already been shipped and will try to administer the shots to high-risk people in those areas. The process could take six to eight weeks, she said.

"Your state may not have any now, but you might be getting some in the future," Hunter said of the vaccine.

Lynette Drake, director of health services at Eastern, was unavailable for comment on Thursday. However, she previously stated to The Daily Eastern News that Eastern received only 25 percent of the normal amount of shots and are screening students to administer the vaccine by priority.

"We have been shipped 300 doses due to the shortage and most likely will not receive any more," she said earlier this week.

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major and member of Eta Sigma Gamma, said that breast cancer awareness is a good cause.

"We're trying to let people know that Eta Sigma Gamma is out there," she said.

The pink ribbons will remain on campus until the end of October.

PARADE:

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parade routes and continues through the weekend with the increased law enforcement presence.

"The police are out early Saturday, and then the full force is on duty," Cougill said.

Not all officers will be along the parade route because there still has to be law enforcement in the other areas of the city, Cougill said.

Bush assails Kerry's liberal record, dem says republican fights only for the elite

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS - President Bush criticized Sen. John Kerry as a liberal trying to hide from his own record Thursday as the two men entered the last, post-debate lap of a close race for the White House. The Democratic challenger said his rival "fights, literally, for the privileged few."

"I believe we need a president who will fight for the great middle class and for those who are struggling to join it," Kerry added.

The ubiquitous polls made the race a statistical tie as Bush and his Democratic rival plunged into the final 18 days of campaigning. That marked an improvement in Kerry's national standing over the course of three presidential debates _ even though Democratic officials confirmed West Virginia and its five electoral votes have been written off as lost.

FEDERAL REGULATORS ACT TO SPEEDING BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT

WASHINGTON - Federal regulators approved new rules Thursday aimed at making high-speed Internet available to more Americans but critics complained the move will hinder competition in broadband services and keep prices high.

The Federal Communications Commission gave its blessing to a proposal that lets the major regional phone companies build fiber-optic networks to within 500 feet of a customer's home without requiring the companies to share their networks with competitors.

NEW LEAD IN QUEST TO PROTECT WOMEN FROM SEXUAL HIV TRANSMISSION

WASHINGTON - A chemical specialist designed to thwart how the AIDS virus

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invades during sex offers scientists a new lead in the long quest for a vaginal gel that women could apply to protect themselves when men don't use a condom.

The experimental drug isn't ready for human testing yet, but it provided potent protection to female monkeys exposed to large amounts of an AIDS virus, researchers reported Thursday in the journal Science.

The chemical prevented HIV from invading vaginal tissue by blocking its preferred cellular doorway, the first evidence that targeting that portal is sufficient to prevent infection.

BLASTS PIERCE U.S. SECURITY SAFEGUARDS IN BAGHDAD, REVIEW IS UNDER WAY

WASHINGTON - Deadly bombings in Baghdad's Green Zone have touched off a U.S. security review and a search for evidence to determine if terrorists linked to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi carried out the attacks.

Two bombers penetrated the tightly guarded area of the Iraqi capital and struck at a bazaar close to the U.S. Embassy annex and at a cafe. Witnesses said both carried backpacks and spent considerable time sipping tea in a cafe before striking.

LAVA BUILDING UP ROCK AT MOUNT ST. HELENS, BUT NO SIGN OF BIG EXPLOSION BREWING

SEATTLE - More lava emerged Thursday on the crater floor of Mount St. Helens, expanding a rock formation building on the volcano's old lava dome.

Airborne observers have seen "vigorous jets" of ash and steam near the new growth, said Tina Neal of the U.S. Geological Survey. Aerial photographs suggest some uplift on one side of the emerging rock "fin."

TWO FIRES IN NATIONAL FOREST CLOSE TRANS-SIERRA HIGHWAYS

KYBURZ, Calif. - Two wildfires burning more 17,000 acres in the Eldorado National Forest in northern California prevented motorists from crossing two major trans-Sierra highways Thursday and kept some residents from their homes.

One fire had burned 5,000 acres of timber and brush in the northern part of the forest, destroying a couple of outbuildings and shutting U.S. Highway 50, a main link between Sacramento and South Lake Tahoe, said Shirley Buttici, a fire spokeswoman.

Two firefighters suffered minor injuries trying to control the blaze.

More than 2,000 firefighters battled the fire, which had covered 39,138 acres in Napa and Yolo counties near Lake Berryessa by Thursday evening, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention said.

The blaze was 71 percent contained, prompting officials to lift a voluntary evacuation order for Lake Berryessa Estates, a community of 75 near the lake's northwest shore.

MYSTERY OIL SPILL SULLIES WASHINGTON STATE COAST

SEATTLE - An oil spill stained Tacoma's Commencement Bay and spread to beaches on nearby islands Thursday, polluting an ecologically rich area where grebes, ducks and other birds spend their winters.

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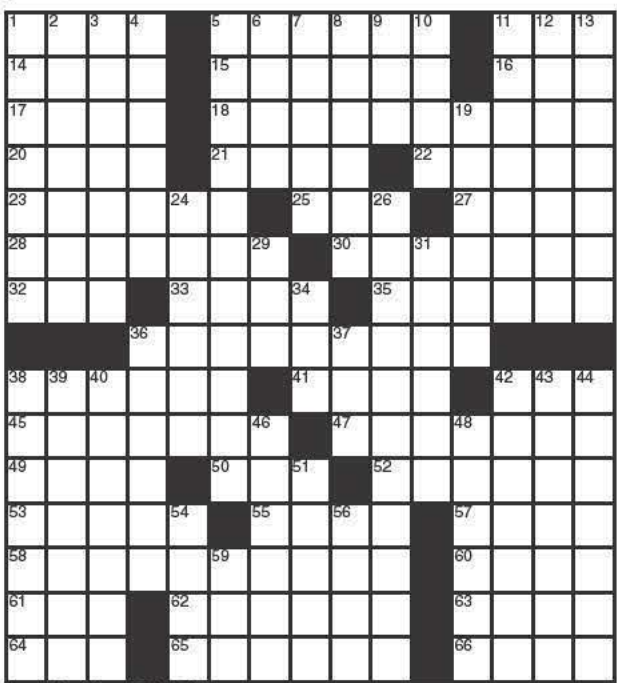
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time at point guard. Wilkin is a Jan Thompson type guy who will set some hard screens and score some points down low.

When these newcomers mesh with Josh Gomes, Aaron Patterson, Cortez Forte, Emanuel Dildy and red-shirt freshman Bobby Catchings, the Panthers are destined to improve on a subpar 2003-04 season.

"We want to show our fan's that we have a renewed commitment to playing hard," Samuels said.

That may be music to Panther fans ears after Eastern watched game after game slip away last year as Eastern finished 6-21.

"It's too early to tell how we're going to do this season, but we'll definitely be better than last year," said Gomes, who led the Panthers in points per game last season.

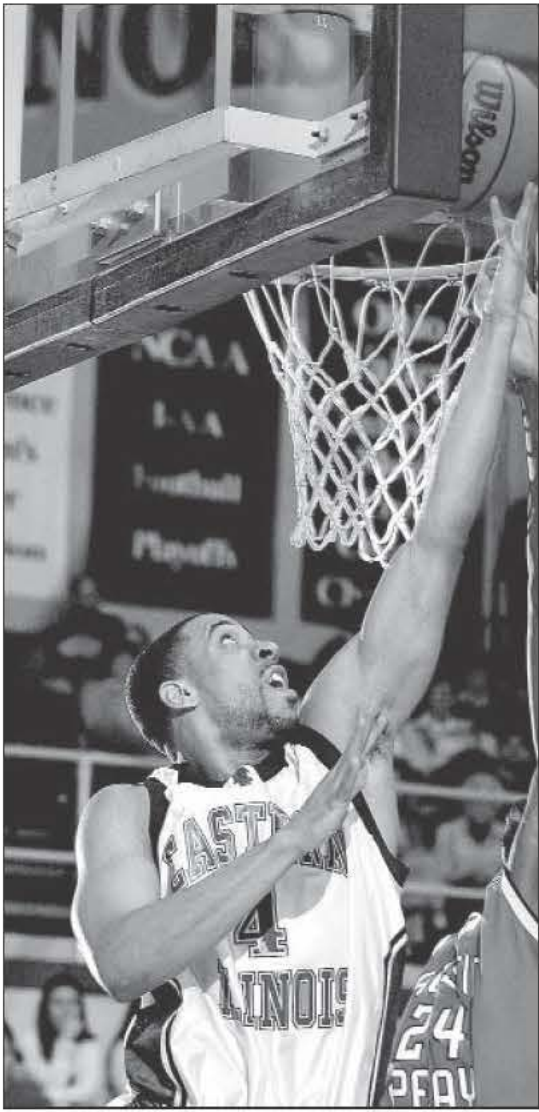
The new Panther squad already has some game experience together as they traveled to Costa Rica in the spring and came away with a 6-1 record.

"That trip really helped us gel," Gomes said. "Everybody's been playing well, and we showed some good team chemistry."

"Our offseason was a good experience for our team," Samuels said. "It gave us something to grab hold of."

The "Madness" will start at 10:45 p.m., but the Panthers won't come out until midnight. When they do they'll have a 15-20 minute scrimmage and then send the fans home happy with some slam dunks.

'Midnight Madness' is not a practice," Samuels said. "It's a celebration of the start of NCAA basketball."



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Senior forward Aaron Patterson scores two points against Austin Peay during a game during a game in Lantz Arena last year. "Midnight Madness" returns to Eastern this year after the Panthers didn't participate in the event last year.

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year to the Celtics by 30 points.

Thank God for Tommy Smith - if not for his team-leading 13 points, things could have been worse.

And, no, I have no clue who Tommy Smith is.

The basic idea of the NBA preseason is a recipe for entertainment.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Panthers continue OVC play

Eastern faces off against Murray State in critical conference match

BY AARON SEIDLITZ
SPORTS EDITOR

Another weekend and another top team from the Ohio Valley Conference will test Eastern, this time in Charleston.

Last weekend the Panthers passed their first crucial test of the year when they defeated the OVC leading Samford Bulldogs.

But Eastern will again have to face topnotch competition this Friday when they take on the Murray State Racers, who are currently in third place in the OVC.

The Racers enter the match with Eastern only two points back of Samford for first place in the OVC and one point back of Eastern for second in the conference.

"Well, mathematically, if things are figured out right, we could still finish anywhere from second to seventh in this conference right now," Murray State Coach Mike Minielli said. "For us this game is important because we can guarantee ourselves a spot in the conference tournament if we come out on top."

How Minielli's Racers got to this point might be a bit of a mystery if one was to look at their statistics. While they have been able to scrape by with victories, the Racers are third worst in the OVC in goals for and goals against.

Murray State has only 21 goals scored, while 29 goals have been scored against them. While they did not play well on the road last year, Minielli has been pleased with the way the team has competed on other teams' turf this



JOSH REELEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior midfielder Sharyne Connell tangles with a Morehead State University player Oct. 1 at Lakeside Field. Eastern takes on Murray State at 3 p.m. today and Tennessee-Martin at 1 p.m. Sunday.

season.

"We lost about 10 or 12 seniors from a year ago, and while we may not be as talented we now have a group of people here who just compete much better," Minielli said. "We should also have some confidence going up to Eastern because, while we don't beat them up there very often, we have played some good games against them."

"With a couple plays here or there maybe we can come out with a victory this time."

Minielli believes that since the style of play hasn't changed, Eastern is just as dangerous this year as they were last year, even if the Panthers lost for the first time in the OVC in 21 games last weekend.

"They are still winning games the way they always had," Minielli said. "They win the

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MIKE MINIELLI, MURRAY STATE COACH

close games and always play people tough.

"We really don't expect anything different this year."

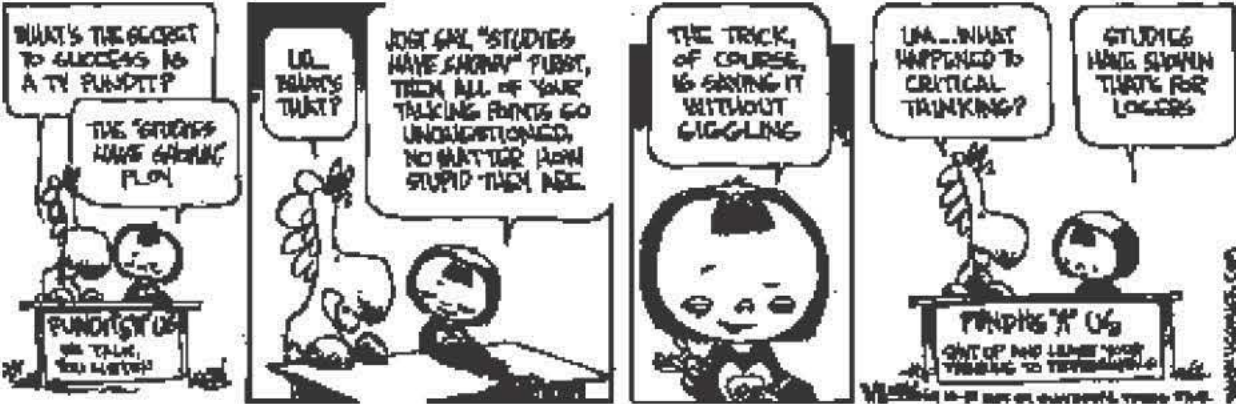
Overall, the OVC is stacking up much like it has in years passed, and that simply means the teams involved in the top of the conference are bunched close together.

This year the top three teams are within one point of the team ahead of them, but this is no sur-

prise to Minielli who believes the competition in the conference is solid year round.

"Because the conference is so competitive from top to bottom, we don't get a break all year long," Minielli said. "Each team has to take their opportunities where they can get them, because playing the last place team in the OVC can be just as tough as playing one of the top teams."

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FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Panther QB
boots up

Schabert hopes to start
against Murray State despite foot injury

By Dan Renick
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern quarterback Matt Schabert injured his right foot last weekend in the Panthers' loss to the Eastern Kentucky Colonels, but Head Coach Bob Spoo is optimistic about his starters' status for Saturday's game against Murray State.

Schabert was wearing a protective boot on the injured foot earlier this week but has still practiced with the team. The coaches are making sure they don't overwork him, so Schabert has only been in half of practice and taking the rest of the time to treat the injury.

"It's too early to say for sure, but I'm still optimistic that he'll play," Spoo said.

However, if Schabert isn't ready to go for Eastern's homecoming game, red-shirt freshman Mike

"It's too early to say for sure, but I'm still optimistic that he'll play."

BOB SPOO,
FOOTBALL HEAD COACH

Donato or junior Michael Keeling will be able to step in to take the reins.

"We feel good about them," Offensive Coordinator Jon Carr said. "They've been watching extra tape this week and have been taking the bulk of reps in practice."

Donato has yet to take a snap in his collegiate career, as this is his first year dressing for the Panthers. Keeling

was a late transfer to Eastern from a California junior college and joined the team during fall camp. Neither of the quarterbacks have had any game experience this season.

"One thing that is promising about (Donato and Keeling) is that the coaching staff and team have confidence in them," Carr said.



Eastern quarterback Matt Schabert (left) is the probable starter for Saturday pending the status of his foot injury. Schabert and Eastern Head Coach Bob Spoo are confident that he will start Saturday.

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STANDINGS

TEAM	OVC RECORD	OVERALL RECORD
Jacksonville State	3-0	5-0
Tennessee State	1-0	3-2
Murray State	2-1	3-3
Eastern Kentucky	2-1	2-3
Tennessee Tech	1-1	4-2
Eastern Illinois	1-1	2-3
Southeast Missouri	1-1	1-4
Samford	0-3	1-5
Tennessee-Martin	0-3	1-5

OVC STATS

PASSING YARDS PER GAME	GP	YDS/G
GOODENOUGH, A-SEMO	5	280.8
NELSON, Ray-SAM	6	265.2
SCHABERT, Matt-EIU	4	234.0
CRAFT, Robert-TTU	6	207.5
WAHLBERG, Brady-UTM	6	205.8

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME	GP	YDS/G
ANTHONY, Charles-TSU	5	148.0
HUDSON, C.J-EKU	5	107.8
BONDS, Oscar-JSU	5	100.6
WEBB, Vincent-EIU	5	92.8
BONNER, Trey-TTU	6	85.8

NUMBER OF THE WEEK

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NUMBER OF COMBINED TURNOVERS MURRAY AND EASTERN HAD IN EACH OF THEIR LOSSES LAST WEEK. MURRAY HAD FOUR GIVEAWAYS WHILE EASTERN HAD FIVE.

THE EDGE



Murray State
(3-3, 1-1)



Eastern Illinois
(2-3, 1-1)

OFFENSE

Murray has a trio of runningbacks that have shared time this year, and they all are averaging five yards per carry and have over 300 yards on the season. RB Chad Cook has rushed for 100 plus yards the last two games. Eastern was held to 244 yards last week, 200 yards less than their season average.

EDGE: MURRAY

DEFENSE

Eastern leads the OVC in rush defense with 101 yards allowed per game to match up against Murray that averages over 200 yards per game on the ground. Murray has nine interceptions this year and is third in the OVC in rush defense allowing 108 yards per game.

EDGE: MURRAY

SPECIAL TEAMS

Murray kick returner Derrick Parrott returned four kickoffs for 125 yards last week and won OVC special team player of the week. Kicker Morgan Riley is 1-6 on field goals this year, but all misses were beyond 40 yards. Eastern has had three punts blocked this season and has lost three fumbled kickoffs.

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VOLLEYBALL

Eastern hopes to avenge loss

Panthers tied with Eastern Kentucky in OVC standings and now face Samford

BY DAN WOIKE
STAFF WRITER

The Panther volleyball team has hopes of starting another winning streak this season when they host Samford at 7 p.m. Friday and Jacksonville State at 2 p.m. Saturday in Lantz Arena.

Eastern (14-4, 6-0 Ohio Valley Conference) is coming off a five-game loss to Evansville on Tuesday - a loss that snapped the Panther's seven-match winning streak. The Panthers remain tied with Eastern Kentucky atop the OVC standings.

Head Coach Brenda Winkeler

"This team has responded well after losses. I expect them to come out and play tough. Conference is what you're focused on this time of year."

BRENDA WINKELER, COACH

said she expects her team to rebound well.

"We need to come out and be aggressive," she said. "Our response Friday night will be how we felt about our loss Tuesday."

The Panthers suffered behind the service line, offensively and defensively, in their loss Tuesday. Their 14 serve errors and six receiving errors kept the team away from its game plan.

"You have to serve tough enough where your opponent can't run their offense, but you have to also try to minimize your service errors," Winkeler said. "Finding that middle ground is the secret to success."

Against the Samford Bulldogs (4-11, 2-4), the Panthers will have to contend with one of the better blocking teams in the OVC. The Bulldogs

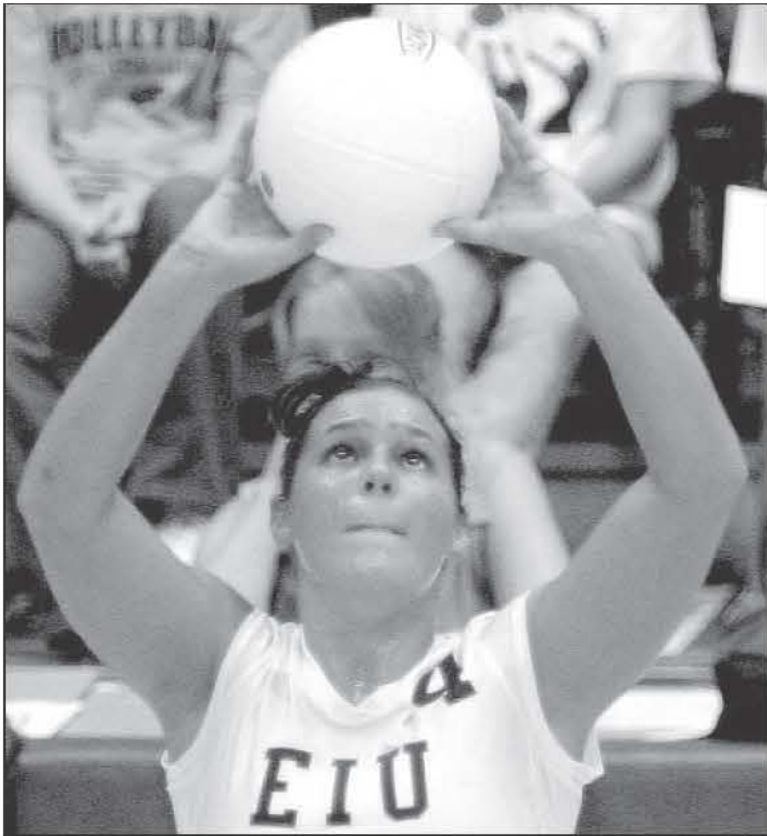
average 2.1 blocks per game, fourth best in the conference.

Things don't get easier for the Panthers Saturday afternoon.

The Jacksonville State Gamecocks (13-4, 4-2) present Eastern with one of their biggest tests so far this season. The Gamecocks owned an 11-match winning streak heading into last weekend but dropped consecutive matches to Eastern Kentucky and Murray State last weekend.

Winkeler said the non-conference loss to Evansville should act as a catalyst for another successful weekend of OVC play.

"This team has responded well after losses," she said. "I expect them to come out and play tough. Conference is what you're focused on this time of year."



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Freshman setter Maren Crabtree sets the ball during the home opener against Austin Peay Friday night in Lantz Arena. Eastern will play at home against Samford tonight at 7 p.m. and Jacksonville State tomorrow at 7 p.m.

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offense," said Samford Head Coach Bill Gray.

Spoo said the only way to have a chance at stopping the Racer running attack is for his defense to familiarize themselves with Murray's formations and work on what they have to do against those different formations in practice.

"I think if we rally to the ball and get a lot of hits on their backs, we can make them pay," Spoo said. "They're not a passing team, so if we can slow down their running game and force them to beat us with the pass, I'd like to think we'd be able to win the game."

Gray's Samford Bulldogs played the Racers last week and lost 24-21. Gray

noted that the Racers big physical offensive line is a big part of the Racer ground attack.

Spoo also realizes that his Panthers must establish the run on offense in light of the quarterback situation.

Matt Schabert is questionable with an ankle injury leaving third and fourth stringers Mike Donato and Michael Keeling the Panthers only other options since Andrew Harris is no longer with the team.

Spoo said no matter who starts at quarterback this weekend, the coaching staff will have to tweak the game plan a little.

"Everything we practice during the week we'll attempt during the game," Spoo said. "If we can't do it in the game we'll just have to make some adjustments. That's what football's all about."

"They have a group of three running backs who are all productive. It seems like one gets hurt and another one steps up and stands out. We have to stop their running game if we have any chance of winning.."

BOB SPOO, COACH

The Panthers and Racers show some similarities in their special teams play and the way they take care of the ball.

Murray State has fumbled the ball 14 times losing nine. The Panther have fumbled 15 times and lost six. Harris led the team with seven fumbles losing three.

And don't expect much out of either place kicker as they are a combined four of 11 on the season. Panther kicker Steve Kuehn has had his struggles this year but has an

advantage over Murray's kicker Morgan Riley, who is just one of six on the year.

Though the Panthers and Racers show some similarities Spoo couldn't compare Murray to any other team the Panthers have played this season.

"This team (Murray) relies on the run as their main weapon," Spoo said. "All the other teams we've played have thrown the ball on us."

Spoo said this game is a must win. "It's mighty important," Spoo said.

"Two losses realistically puts us out of it."

Jacksonville State hasn't lost yet in the Ohio Valley Conference and Spoo would like if his team can head into that game with only one conference loss.

Spoo said his team is hungry for this weekend.

"Our leadership is taking effect," Spoo said. "We know we're a better team than we showed last weekend and our players are eager to get out on the field and prove it."

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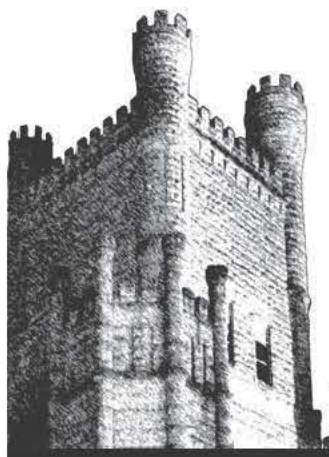
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SATURDAY	FOOTBALL VS. MURRAY STATE	1:30 p.m.
	Volleyball vs. Jacksonville State	7 p.m.
SUNDAY	WOMEN'S RUGBY VS. OHIO STATE	11 a.m.
	Women's Soccer vs. Tennessee-Martin	1 p.m.

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DAN WOIKE
STAFF WRITER

Fall sports heat up

Ah, October.

For sports fans, like myself, this is one of the most exciting months of the year.

First, you have postseason baseball, or as it's known in some circles (Boston), hell. Year after year, the Red Sox misery is as sure of a sign of autumn as the leaves changing or sexy female Halloween costumes.

This year appears to be no different (girls, don't disappoint me here).

What could be more painful than watching your team on the wrong side of a Mike Mussina perfect game? One thing, that is - coming back from an 8-0 deficit, getting within a run in the eighth inning at 8-7 and then giving up two runs in the bottom of the eighth on the way to losing.

If I were a Red Sox fan, which I am not, the emotional rollercoaster of the first game would have been excruciating. Lucky for me, I cheer for a team that doesn't make the playoffs (the White Sox).

Oh, and that team from St. Louis is OK.

Moving on, October is also the month where the NFL starts to shape up.

The early lessons thus far:

The Chicago Bears equal bad, but not quite former coach, Dick Jauron-bad.

Terrell Owens equals, still hilarious (the sit-ups against the Bears was a nice touch).

Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells equals, maybe not the smartest man alive.

The New England Patriots equal, really good.

It's the time in the NFL season when games start to mean a little more. Would I have watched a New York Giants' game? No. But after all the complaining about how hard Tom Coughlin works them, they enter this weekend 4-1 behind the rebirth of Kurt Warner.

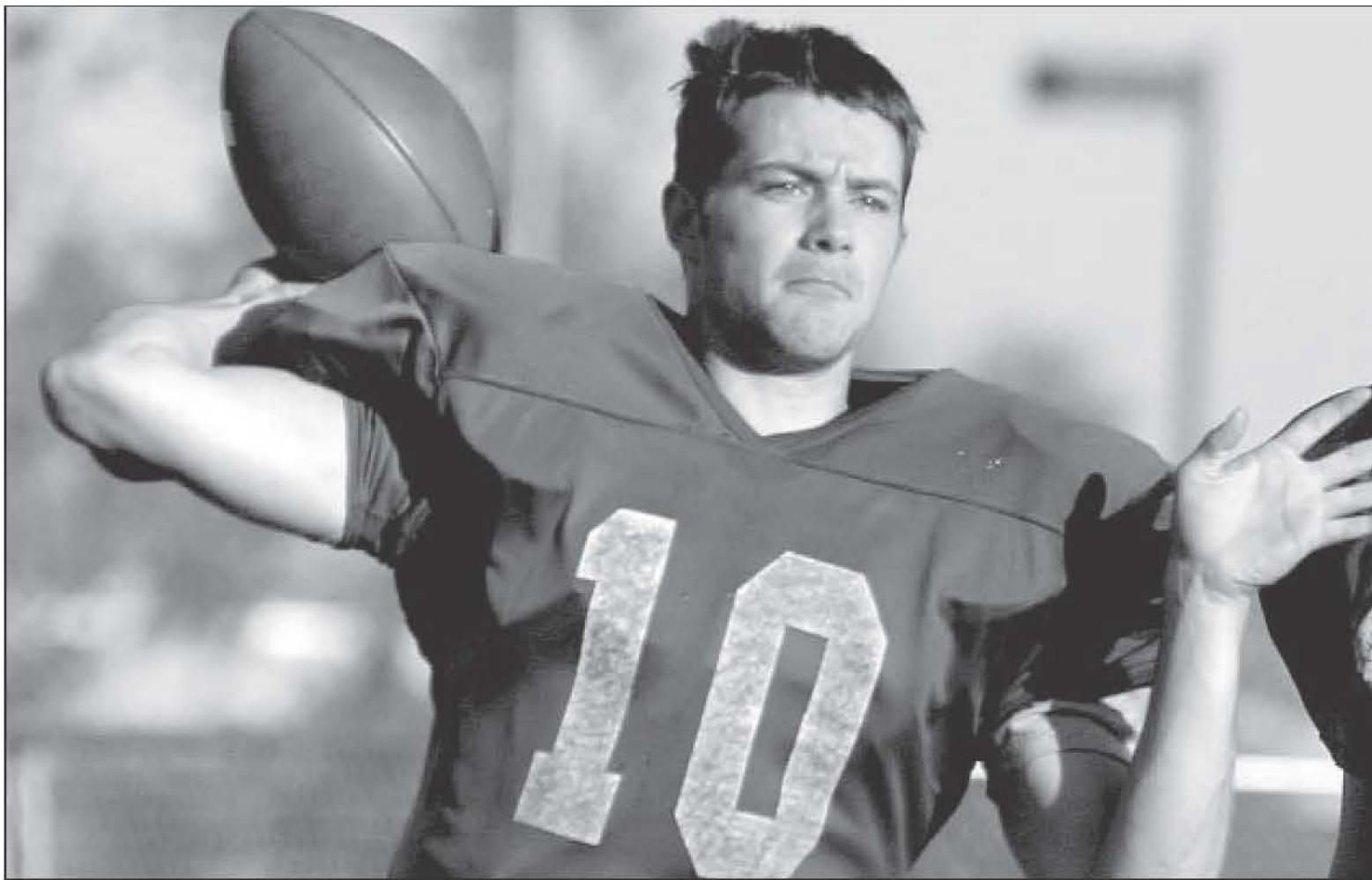
And on top of all of this, sports fans are currently in the single most riveting sports event of the year.

You guessed it: the NBA preseason.

Four quarters and 63 combined personal fouls later, the Chicago Bulls suffered their first loss of the

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FOOTBALL



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Redshirt freshman quarterback Mike Donato warms up his arm during practice at O'Brien Stadium. Donato could get his first collegiate experience of his career as he moves up the depth chart this week.

Panthers hope to win ground battle

Panthers battle Murray State and their trio of running backs in Homecoming matchup

BY JOHN HOHENADEL
SPORTS REPORTER

When Murray State comes into Charleston this homecoming weekend, the Panthers will have to beware of the Racers' trio of running

backs averaging over five yards a carry.

It doesn't seem to matter who starts: Chad Cook, Ron Lane or Nick Turner. They all seem to get the job done.

The Racers come into the game averaging just over 212 yards rushing per contest, and Eastern Head Coach Bob Spoo is well aware of it.

"They have a group of three running backs who are all productive," Spoo said. "It seems like one gets hurt and another one steps up and stands out. We have to stop their running game if we have any chance of winning."

"If you can stop whoever they have at tailback, you can slow down their

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Panther football missing a player

BY DAN RENICK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern quarterback Andrew Harris is no longer a part of the Panther football team, head coach Bob Spoo said.

Whether Harris, who opened the season as Eastern's starter, left the team on his own accord or was asked to leave by the coaching staff is currently not known.

The last time Harris was with the team was Tuesday when he walked off the field during practice.

The reason for Harris' departure is unclear. In the third week of the season, Matt Schabert replaced Harris as the starter. Earlier that week Harris missed team meetings and practice and didn't travel to Eastern Michigan with the team that week.

Harris started eight games last season when he threw for 1,500 yards and eight touchdowns and started two games this season throwing for 275 yards and one touchdown. In Harris' ten starts, the Panthers were 3-7 with Harris at the reins.

Prizes, new players at 'Midnight Madness'

BY JOHN HOHENADEL
SPORTS REPORTER

Free tuition anyone?

That's exactly what three students got after winning a contest at 2001 Panther basketball team's "Midnight Madness."

Head Basketball Coach Rick Samuels said he recalls a couple years back when four students were given the opportunity to make a lay up, a free throw, a three pointer and a half

court shot in a certain amount of time for a semester of free tuition.

"If one student would have made it; it would have been unusual," said Dave Kidwell, director of sports information and marketing. "For three to make it was something really unique."

Samuels laughed at the notion of the university offering a semester of tuition again any time soon. But students will have plenty of chances to win something.

There will be a drawing for east bal-

cony chair back season tickets, various scavenger hunt prizes, "Midnight Madness" t-shirts will be tossed into the crowd, and the grand prize will be two National League Championship Series tickets to Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

Oh, and the new look Eastern men's basketball team will be there, too.

Some of the faces Panther fans may not recognize are the freshman four-some 6'8" Jake Byrne, 6'8" George

Tandy, 6'8" Bil Duany and 6'9" Wes Wilkin.

"We got some different looks now," Samuels said.

Samuels said Byrne can catch and shoot and has some post moves to go along with his outside game. Tandy is an inside outside shooter who is aggressive on the boards and can drop the three. Duany at his height has some ball skills that may get him some

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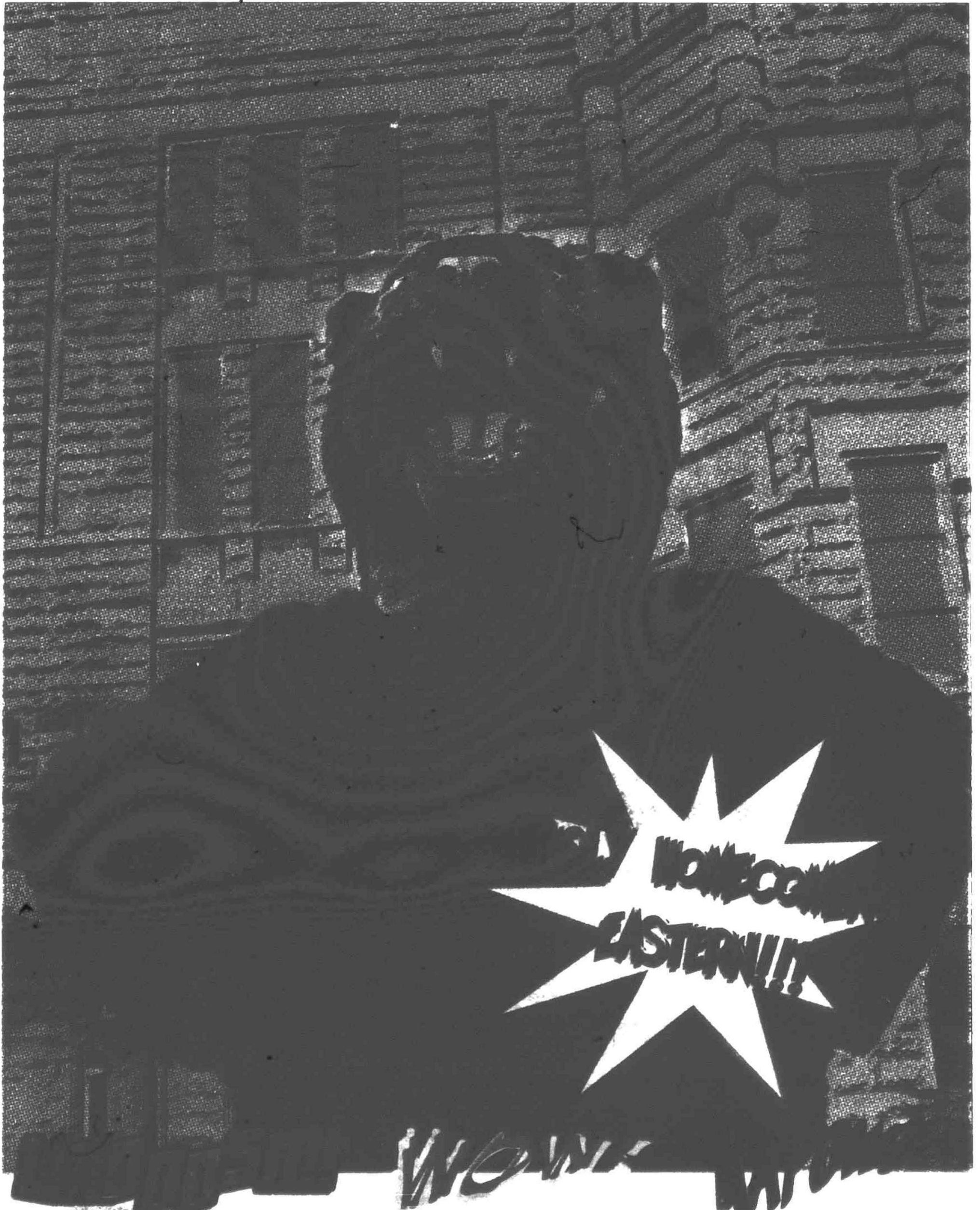


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Find out about the 2.5 K annual Homecoming race on Page 3B.

Homecoming king and queen crowned at coronation. See page 5B.

A history of Eastern's football team from game one. See page 8B.



The 1953 Homecoming court rides through the streets of Charleston during the Homecoming Parade. Homecoming has been a tradition at Eastern since 1915.

FILE PHOTO

Coming home and making traditions last

BY LAUREN FRANCO AND STEPHANIE JOHNSON
STAFF WRITERS

The real purpose of Homecoming is to give the alumni a chance to revisit their old school and reminisce.

Through the years, Homecoming has become a pastime for Eastern students, faculty and alumni to unite as a family and display their spirit through an array of festivities. The assortment of events taken place during Homecoming has evolved into a traditional celebration, creating unforgettable memories for everyone who participates.

The first Eastern Homecoming took place on Saturday, Nov. 6, 1915, and was devoid of conventional activities. It formulated a pattern of special events, however, that would be followed and tweaked for years to come.

Known as Normal School in 1915, Eastern's students and teachers, assisted by officers of the alumni association, planned activities for students and alumni.

Students started off their Saturday Homecoming morning with exercises as they sang welcoming songs to alumni. Members of faculty spoke about three subjects regarding different topics, which then was preceded by a concert performed in the public square.

A parade then entertained the town with a marching band and two garnished automobiles filled with downs. The entire town decorated stores and houses surrounding the square along Sixth Street, with colors of blue and gray, adding a vivid flavor.

After the parade, the anticipated football game against Shurtleff College in Alton was held.

During halftime, aesthetic dances by the butterfly girls took main-stage as everyone watched in amazement,

according to "An Emerging University: The History of Eastern Illinois University," by Donald Tingley.

The evening ended with a reception in Pemberton Hall, followed by a dance in the gymnasium as punch was served. These homecoming rituals initiated a prosperous start for homecoming students and alumni to come together and create a unique bond that has remained strong.

As years passed, the Homecoming traditions followed the pattern of parades and football games. However, the 1919 Homecoming was especially memorable for its dedication to the men who attended the school who had died in the service during the war.

Justice Frank K. Dunn, of the Illinois Supreme Court of Charleston, devoted speeches to honor

Martin Schahrer, captain of the 1916 football team and president of the class of 1917, killed in action.

In honor of these men, a dinner at Pemberton Hall took place that evening, followed by the conventional dance in the gymnasium. This Homecoming was especially dear to many students and alumni hearts because of the special commemoration ceremony.

It is the Homecoming of Oct. 15 and 16, 1948, though, that has been remembered as the most meaningful in the school's history. This Homecoming marked its 33rd, or "Golden Jubilee" held during the 50th year of the school. More than 1,000 former students from around the country attended. Twenty-nine bands from Illinois high schools lined up to march along with 35 floats that represented student organizations and local businesses.

Themes were displayed on the parade floats designed to capture a historical aspect of the town. The themes consisted of the Lincoln-Douglas debate, the founding of Charleston, the opening of Pemberton Hall and the growth of Eastern from a normal school to a college. Eastern's football game was held on the Charleston High School field in the pouring rain. Eastern defeated DeKalb 15-6 on a muddy field with a slippery ball before a large crowd of well-soaked homecomers, according to Tingley's history.

A "record-breaking" crowd occupied the spacious gymnasium where more than 3,000 people witnessed the coronation of Miss Ruth St. John as Homecoming queen. The queen then danced to Tex Beneke's orchestra. A Homecoming play, presented by the college players called "Blithe Spirit," by Noel Coward, was sold out.

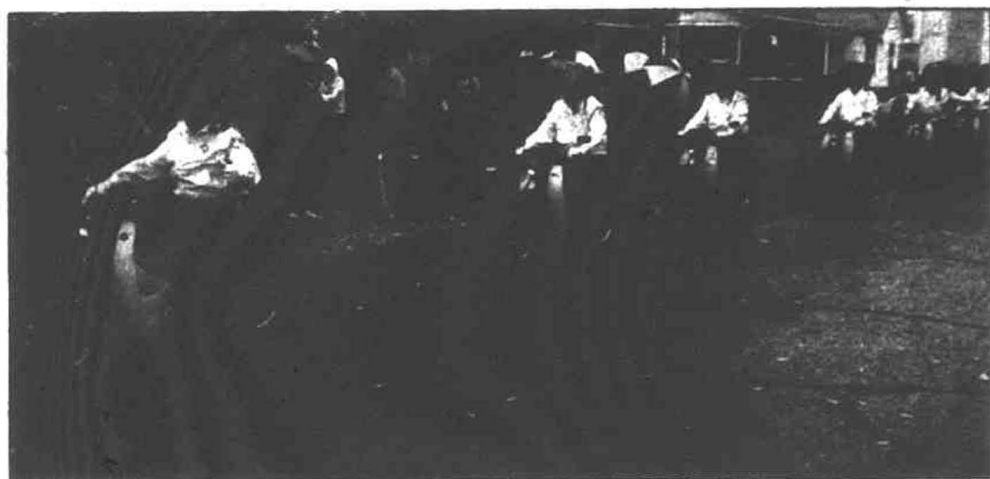
"I think they feel recognized; it's their time to come back home, back to Eastern."

JERILYN HUTSON, ALUMNI SERVICES

participate in these classic Homecoming events, enthusiasm and angst fill the air to this very day. Ceci Brinker, director of Student Life, can relate to the eagerness she feels for the Homecoming experience. Brinker, who has been at Eastern for 20 years, serves as an adviser on the University Board, while working with student life.

"When I think about Homecoming, I think about a time for students, faculty, staff and alumni to get together and show off their Eastern pride and school spirit," Brinker said. "It is a time to celebrate, and there are so many activities to take part in. The atmosphere is always so festive, and I think that Homecoming has always had a great turnout (alumni) each year."

As the years passed, these Homecoming festivities have paved the way for new traditions. Now, not only does Homecoming feature a parade and



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The parade brings an assortment of groups and organizations to the parade each year. This year there are more 100 different entries in the parade.



football game, but it flourishes into a "holiday" frenzy.

Students and alumni participate in pancake breakfasts, pep rallies, picnics, dance-a-thons, elections, window painting, races, football kick-off parties and tailgating, all leading up to the anticipated Homecoming football game extravaganza.

"The biggest tradition that has stayed a part of Homecoming would have to be the parade," Brinker said. "This is the time where campus and the community come together as one. People line up both Sixth and Seventh streets and are in awe of what they see. The organizations spend a lot of time preparing for the parade, and their hard work always shows. It's a wide range of students, children and citizens all taking pride in EIU."

As Eastern students await this tremendous spectacle, on-campus organizations remain hard at work hoping that alumni will cherish the weekend events they have specifically planned for them.

The Alumni Association plans diverse affairs for alumni to participate in throughout the weekend. Jerilyn Hutson, assistant director of Alumni Services, is helping arrange the 50th anniversary dinner commemorating the 1954 Eastern graduating class.

The members of the class receive a pin and memory booklet. A reunion dinner is also held in their honor, and on Saturday of Homecoming, the recipients of the graduating class will ride on floats in the parade.

"I think they feel recognized; it's their time to

come back home, back to Eastern," Hutson said.

As students flutter throughout the campus enjoying this significant Homecoming event, they also have a chance to converse with alumni to really understand how times have changed.

"Alumni folks enjoy coming back, and they tell the best stories," Hutson said. "We don't have to do anything. They are just as happy as can be, seeing each other and the campus."

One Eastern alumnus who can give insight on unforgettable past-times resides in Charleston as mayor of the town. Dan Coughill has encountered many Homecomings as a graduate of Eastern.

"Homecoming is a time for a bunch of alumni who have worked in the real world to come back and have conversations with present students," Coughill said. "This is their school, and you're part of it. Students now are the little brothers and sisters of alumni."

Coughill, who is a former member of the Eastern marching band, knows that Homecoming must remain a celebrated event and not portray Eastern with a negative image.

"We must have a positive impact where people can have fun and enjoy the atmosphere of Homecoming," Coughill said.

Homecoming has become one of the most anticipated events in today's generation. Eastern's Homecoming traditions have survived throughout the years, and although some events have been altered, the parade and football games still remain the most substantial events.

"We try to maintain traditions and increase them while adding new ones in the process," Brinker said.

FASTER THAN A SPEEDING...

Annual 2.5K race set for Saturday

By RICH LAKEBERG
STAFF WRITER

Be ready to run at 9 a.m. Saturday, because the annual 2.5 kilometer (1.5 mile) Homecoming race is here again.

John Pommier, recreation administrator and director of the race, said students are still allowed to sign up on the day of the race.

The race, which begins at the corner of Seventh Street and Lincoln Avenue, follows the square in downtown Charleston, catches Sixth Street and finishes in the Bank of America parking lot.

The award ceremony begins directly after the race ends. There are three divisions: male, female and handicapped.

The race is well represented by all ages and walks of life, Pommier said.

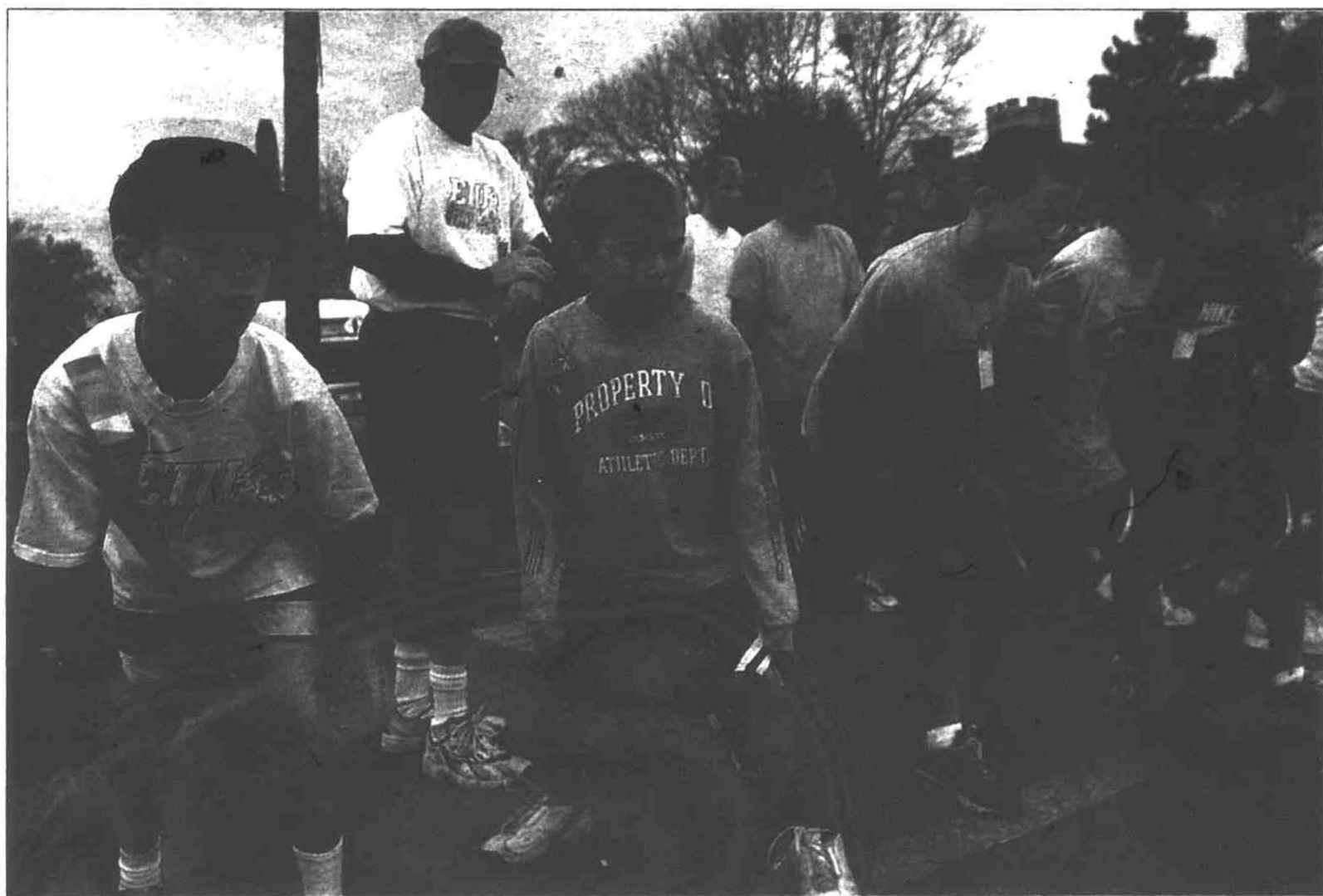
The majority of runners are doing it for fun. People don't have to be an experienced runner to participate, Pommier said.

Pommier said there are three types of participants in this event: people who just want to run, families and their children and competitive runners.

This year is its fifth year the race has been held, and attendance grows each year, Pommier said.

Compared to past races, this one is set to have the largest number of registered individuals with nearly 160 participants, Pommier said.

Justin Weiss set the current record when he participated in the event two



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Former Eastern cross country coach John McInerney looks on while area children line up to start last year's 2.5K Homecoming race. This year's race begins at 9 a.m. Saturday. Competitors must register by 8:45 a.m. Saturday. Registration cost is \$7, and participants receive a t-shirt, free food and coupons.

years ago. His record time of 7:20 seconds still stands for the men's category.

Angie Simone, a senior cross country runner, broke the women's record last year with a time of 9:09 seconds.

Last year's male winner was Kevin Atkins with a time of 7:22 seconds.

Pommier said there will be no

Eastern cross country members to steal the show this year because the race intersects with the NCAA Pre-Nationals.

Runners must register for the race by 8:45 a.m. The registration fee is \$7.

Sponsors for the event are the T-shirt Factory and McDonalds. The T-

shirt factory provides t-shirts, and McDonalds provides free food and coupons after the race.

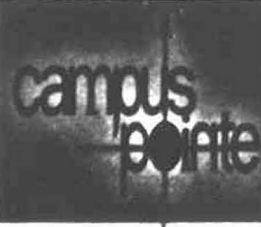
Pommier said about 80 of his students volunteer their time, which supplies them with much needed experience.

"It's a challenge, but they love it," he

said.

His financing class does an economic impact survey using real data they get from the race. Other students help with the awards ceremony.

"I wouldn't be able to do it without my students," Pommier said. "They're the heart of it."



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High school marching bands parade back

BY NICOLE NICOLAS
FEATURE REPORTER

One hundred different entries, including parade floats, grand marshals, Eastern alumni dignitaries, recognized student organizations, Eastern's marching band, the Pink Panthers, greek organizations and many others will participate in this year's Homecoming Parade.

The grand marshals for the parade will be Batman and Super Girl to go along with this year's theme, "It's a bird, It's a plane."

"(Last year's parade) Went very well. We had no problems," said Jessica Huber, who is on the homecoming parade committee.

The success of last year's parade has brought back community high schools participation. Last year there were no high school bands because band members were harassed by parade attendees.

That incident forced Eastern to work together with the city to



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Freddy Kruger, sitting with other parade watchers, makes a guest appearance at last year's Homecoming Parade.

create the parade escort team, which is made up of Charleston and University police and student volunteers.

About 30 people from the

men's rugby club team and night assistants will be throughout the parade route, Huber said.

"Last year we had the parade escort and it went very well, and

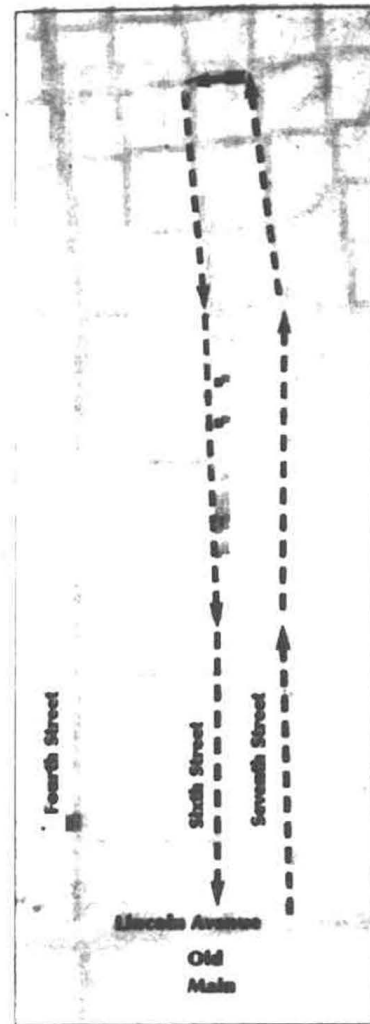
we're going to continue it," Huber said.

Mount Carmel, Mascoutah, Robinson and Charleston High School marching bands will play in this year's parade said Nicole Livengood, who is on the homecoming parade committee.

Also Charleston Middle School cheerleaders, Charleston Middle School dancers, Charleston's Jesters girl's softball and Charleston Middle School girl's softball.

The community is getting involved in the parade with political entries, Veterans of Foreign War, Little Miss and Miss Cole's County Fair Queen and business entries such as Jackson Avenue Coffee House and Razorz Edge Salon.

Parade participants will start at 9:30 a.m. at the corner of Seventh Street and Lincoln Avenue, traveling down Seventh Street around the courthouse and square to end back up at Sixth Street.



This year's Homecoming parade, marshalled by Batman and Super Girl, will start on the Lincoln Avenue and Seventh Street at 9:30 a.m. The parade will move north toward the Square, make a left and turn south on to Sixth Street back to Lincoln Avenue.

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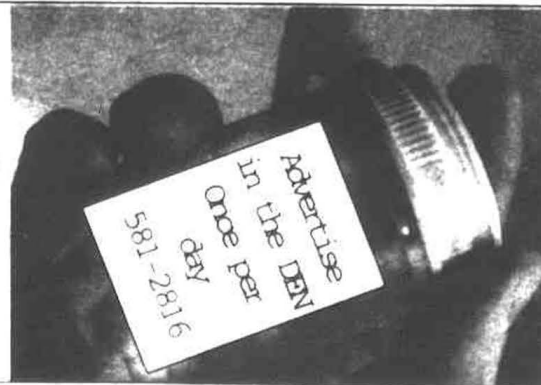
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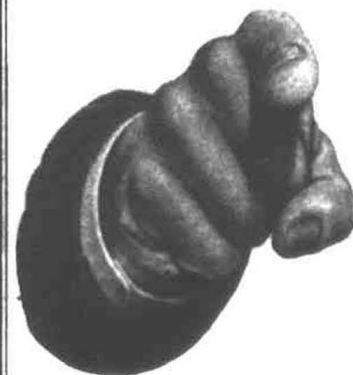


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King represents Eastern with humility

By Matt Williams
Assistant Managing Editor

Senior Nick Pinaire came to Eastern to learn marketing. In that time, he has ended up marketing himself both in his fraternity and the entire campus.

Though humble in his words, Pinaire, a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, has earned the reputation of going all out in his actions.

This is exactly what got him elected as this year's Homecoming King.

"I wasn't able to be there (to see him win), and basically he didn't tell me until I pried it out of him," said Bob Dudolski, director of greek life, on Pinaire's humbleness. "He's got a lot of leadership behind him, and he represents the university very well. He is one of the most outstanding leaders I have worked with."

For the interview process for king, Pinaire fielded the question of what superhero he would be with a bold answer of Superman.

"In the form of Clark Kent, he is very humble," Pinaire said. "I try to be humble."

Now in place as Interfraternity Council president, Pinaire said he never even imagined himself as being a member of a fraternity.

"Coming into Eastern, I never thought I was going to be a frat guy," he said.

But Pinaire said he soon found out that the many stereotypes of greek life that he once had, and many still do have, were one giant misconception.

So he chose to follow his major and market it: go and let everyone know just how good it can be.

"I wanted to show people there is more to greek life than the negative things people say," Pinaire said.

Pinaire came to Eastern because of the size of the campus.

"Eastern is a great school where you can walk around and know people, but it's also big enough to where you always meeting people," Pinaire said.

Pinaire graduates in May and hopes to get involved in international business with Caterpillar, a world-wide construction business that his dad works for and he has interned for in the past.

And what does Pinaire think of putting on the crown and representing the university while he reigns as Homecoming king?

"Eastern is honoring me, and really, I think I should be honoring Eastern," Pinaire said humbly.



Seniors Nick Pinaire and Natalie Bailey, wave to the crowd after being crowned king and queen at the Homecoming Coronation Monday night at Lantz Arena.

Nick Pinaire

Year: Senior

Major: Marketing

Fraternity: Sigma Phi Epsilon

What Superhero would he be?

Superman because he relates a lot to the person that I strive to be. He is humble in everyday life but is a strong force when it comes to sticking up in what he believes in.

Natalie Bailey

Year: Senior

Major: Marketing

Sorority: Alpha Phi

What superhero would she be?

Spiderman because he has the understanding "with great power comes great responsibility."

Staying busy while graduation approaches

By Amy Simpson
Staff Writer

She chose Eastern four years ago because of its moderate size. She became involved, and now as Eastern's Homecoming Queen, she is ready to start her life.

Natalie Bailey, a senior marketing major and member of the Alpha Phi sorority, said she is scheduled to graduate in December and get married in May.

"I'm glad to be going somewhere with my education, and the knowledge learned (at Eastern) has been helpful," Bailey said.

In addition to academic experiences, Bailey said she values the relationships she has formed.

Eastern is large enough to be considered a university, but small enough "to develop close relationships with students and faculty ... that truly build (one's personality)," Bailey said.

Alicia Wroblewski, a senior marketing major and President of Alpha Phi, and Lenee Moseley, a senior communications disorders and sciences major and fellow Alpha Phi member, agree that Bailey was the best candidate to represent the sorority and Eastern as a whole.

"(Bailey) is very involved, outgoing and well-rounded," Wroblewski said of the reason Bailey was nominated by Alpha Phi.

Some of Bailey's involvements include: Director of Marketing for Alpha Phi, American Marketing Association, Panhellenic Council and National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

"She is one of the most approachable, caring people you'd ever meet," Moseley said. "She is an awesome girl - a very loving, dedicated person."

Bailey said she credits her family and their "strong values" for influencing her.

"I've gotten this far being myself, so I was myself," Bailey said of her interview during the Homecoming Queen selection process.

Candidates were evaluated by a panel composed of members of the Eastern faculty, staff and community, Bailey said.

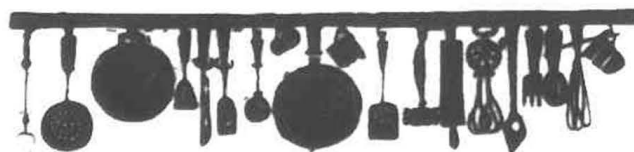
Following graduation, Bailey said she hopes to get a marketing job at a pharmaceutical company. She urges fellow classmates to "set goals early" and take advantage of Eastern's Career Services.

She said students should take every opportunity to gain experience and add to their resumes and take it one step at a time to work up to their ultimate goal.

As Homecoming Queen, Bailey's duty is to represent Eastern well at this week's events; a task she said she will enjoy.

"I want to be there," Bailey said.

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Good Luck Tri Sigma & Delta Sigma Phi for Homecoming 2004!

A different type of round food in the Domino's parking lot

BY KATIE FLODIN
STAFF WRITER

In the spirit of Eastern's Homecoming Weekend, the Rotary Club is sponsoring its fifth annual pancake breakfast.

The event will start promptly at 6 a.m. at a large tent in the parking lot of the Seventh Street and Lincoln Avenue Domino's Pizza.

People come to eat pancakes and sausage, and a lot of preparation goes into the breakfast.

Chairman of Rotary Club Chuck Beverly, estimates around four to six cases of dry pancake mix from What's Cookin' restaurant are used for the event.

Rotary Club also travels to Mike's Meat of Louisville, Ill., for 240 pounds of sausage.

The Rotary Club, founded in Chicago in 1905, will be marking its 100th anniversary this upcoming year and is the largest service club in the world.

The pancake breakfast is just one of the many events Rotary Club sponsors.

Beverly started this pancake breakfast because he says, "The club is able to provide pancakes as opposed to the traditional beer breakfast."

Karyn Midona, an Eastern student that plans to attend the breakfast, said, "This is a better way to celebrate in the morning before the parade."

People can enjoy the atmosphere of Eastern's Homecoming at the breakfast.

"This is just an excuse for alumni, students and citizens to sit down and get to know each other," Beverly said.

The proceeds from the breakfast will go to making 'I Like Me' books. The books will be distributed to beginning kindergarten readers at Charleston and Lerna Elementary Schools.

Keeping in mind that the event will take place at the beginning of the parade, club members expect a large turnout.

Eastern students and alumni, along with residents of Charleston, are invited to eat before and during the parade. Adult admission is \$5 and children under 12 will be admitted for \$3.



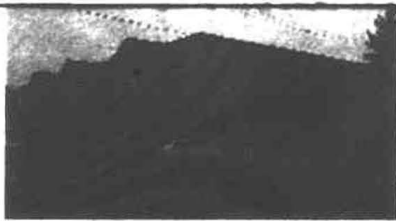
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Karl Konrad (left), Terry Davis and Mitch Shiek make pancakes during last year's Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast in the parking lot of Domino's Pizza. This year's breakfast will begin at 6 a.m. Saturday.

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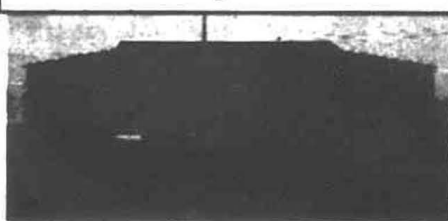
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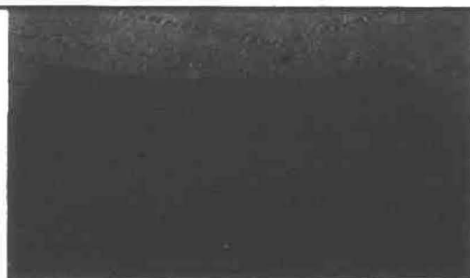
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Groups will be 'float'ing down parade path

BY KIRSTEN LARSEN
STAFF WRITER

After hours of pumping, folding tissue paper and putting it into chicken wire, cutting wood and late nights, tonight will be judgment day for the five flatbed floats.

Immanuel Lutheran Ministry, Sigma Nu and Alpha Sigma Tau, Lambda Chi Alpha and Kappa Delta, Sigma Pi and Sigma Kappa, and Alpha Phi and Sigma Phi Epsilon have put months of planning and hard work into making the floats look the best for the Homecoming Parade.

"We have spent 49 hours on planning and 250 hours on actual construction on our float," said Joe Unruh, coordinator for Immanuel Lutheran Ministry float and Spanish major.

With the theme, "It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's EIU Homecoming 2004," both Immanuel Lutheran Ministry and Sigma Nu and Alpha Sigma Tau had the idea of making the float Superman but two floats are not allowed to have the same superhero.

Since Alpha Sigma Tau and Sigma Nu signed up first they were able to continue with the idea of Superman, but Immanuel Lutheran Ministry had to change their idea to their second choice of Super Panther.

Alpha Sigma Tau and Sigma Nu have been working together for almost a month on their float in a barn in Ashmore, Ill. While the men of Sigma Nu have been putting the construction



COLIN MCAULIFFE/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Floats are a big part of the Homecoming Parade tradition. This year there are five floats entered into the contest. Judging will be at 4 p.m. today. The winner will receive three points for the Homecoming events standings.

part together such as making a Superman, the Alpha Sigma Taus have been pumping.

It's now crunch time and we will be working on it all night," said Sarah Hailey, English major and member of Alpha Sigma Tau.

Lambda Chi Alpha and Kappa Delta's float is The Hulk. Three weeks ago they built the frame of the Hulk and for the past two weeks they have been pumping at an empty warehouse on 18th St.

"Pumping takes the most time and is a ton of work," said Richard Kovacs, sophomore communication studies major and member of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Entries are allowed to make their float however they want as long as the float does not exceed 13 feet in height, 20 feet in width and 40 feet in length. All floats will also be tested to be sure they are fire retardant before the parade, said Jessica Huber, junior elementary education and parade coach.

Making a float isn't all hard work though; it is also a great time to get to know one another.

"It's nice to get together outside of Bible studies that we hold and get to know each other better," Unruh said.

Judging will be held tonight at 4 p.m. The best float will be rewarded three points, second place will be rewarded two points and third place will receive one point. They will then be showed in the parade on Saturday morning.

"Sigma Pi [and Sigma Kappa] will probably win it because they've put a great amount of time and that's just what they do," Kovacs said. "But I think we have a good chance in winning."

After months of planning and hours of hard work though, the floats will then only take a few hours to be dismantled and will remain a memory.

"It's amazing how many hours are put into making the float, but then only a few to take it all down," Unruh said.

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Sophomore running back Vincent Webb is part of the new breed of Panther players. Webb has six touchdowns on 485 yards rushing this season. The Panthers have gone 2-3 and play Murray State in this year's Homecoming game.



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4 downs and 105 years ago

Eastern's football team has come a long way since it started in 1899

BY NATALIE KUCHAR AND ASHLEY HAUSSEY
STAFF WRITERS

The Eastern football team would most likely want to put last week's 49-6 loss to Eastern Kentucky in the past; a past that stretches more than 100 years and 917 games.

Game No. 918 against Murray State on Saturday will build on to the history of the many players who have put on a Panther uniform, and will do so in the future.

It started in the fall of 1899, and Robert Newby Logan was preparing to lead his team to victory. For a football player, he was small and shorter than the rest of his boys. But he was their right end and their captain.

The first football team at Eastern Illinois, then called Eastern Illinois State Normal School, had 19 players, including six general substitutes and a manager.

For the team picture, the players appear stoic and determined. A few smiled, while others brought the impression that they were ready to go.

With no pads or helmets, the team was prepared to play against a "town team" from Oakland, the first of the two matches in its first season.

The field wasn't pretty. The game was played on a field south of the present greenhouse, which is now the Life Sciences Building. While the original corn rows ran north and south, the football field ran perpendicular, east to west. It had been cultivated a few years before, and, to make it playable, the players manually scraped the field smooth. They used borrowed draft horses and drags, their bare hands and shovels.

The field had no goal posts, hence no attempts for extra points after a touchdown. The games were played under informal rules, ones that demanded a sense of honesty and fair team play from both sides.

With what had to have been a sense of pride just stepping on a field they created, the team determinedly faced Oakland. Unfortunately, somewhere in the heat of the game, Logan broke his leg.

The team went on to lose by two touchdowns.

But that was only the beginning. In 1900, the team went 3-3, including a 21-0 victory over Austin College. Eastern was gaining a winning reputation in the football program in a very short time.

Not having enough colleges in the area to play, Eastern also faced off against high schools. In the 1900 season, they faced Sullivan High School, where it was reported that their team was not students but a number of men hired to play. Upon arriving in Sullivan, Eastern demanded to see the usual list certifying that each team member was a student. Sullivan refused; Eastern was ready to head home when a man with the other team threatened the Panthers if they didn't play.

Eastern won 6-0.

The event didn't go without injuries, however. A fight broke out after the game between the two teams, and one Eastern player, George McMichael, was



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The 1899 Eastern football team featured just 19 players compared to this year's team of 83 players. The 1899 team lost its first game to Oakland by two touchdowns.

knocked unconscious by a Sullivan policeman while trying to restrain one of his teammates.

Eastern's reputation was growing. The next season, the team went undefeated, the most successful season in the school's history. The climax of the 1901 season came in the game between Eastern and Indiana Normal School at Terra Haute. Both teams had already won against the best schools in their own states and decided to play each other in an informal championship of the two states.

Eastern won 6-0, after a hard night of battling the "V" or "flying wedge" formation by the opposing team.

When the Eastern Illinois State Normal School was founded in 1895, it didn't have football, like some other schools around the country. In 1869, the first football game took place between Princeton and Rutgers. The game then was played more like soccer. There were 25 players on each side, and players could not run with the ball; they had to kick it or throw it.

After this contest, other schools began to play football, and they eventually formed the American Intercollegiate Football Association, which laid out the rules of the game.

It took the Panthers four years to form a football team, which consisted of 19 players and a coach. Now Eastern's football team in 2004 has 87 players and nine coaches, a vast change since 1899.

Football at Eastern has changed in other ways since these early years: differences in uniforms, body size of players, attendance at the games and more. In the past, Eastern held a game, people would attend, and then they would go home. Now a football game at Eastern is a huge deal.

Dave Kidwell, assistant athletic director for Sports Information and Marketing, says one of the biggest changes in the football game at Eastern is the emphasis put on making the game an enjoyable activity and encouraging tailgating by students, fans, boosters and

alumni.

"It's a full day of activities," Kidwell said. "We want students and boosters to come out and tailgate. We also want to get different groups to come to the games, like kids from the surrounding schools."

Kidwell has seen many changes in the years he has been at Eastern.

"It's the information age and there is instantaneous access to news now from the Internet, ESPN, and talk shows," he said. "The public has demanded it, and we have responded in sports information. A lot of people rely on our Web site for immediate results."

The biggest change in football that Eastern head coach Bob Spoo has seen in his 18 years is the success in the program. He said that prior to 1978, Eastern had little success in winning games. Since then there has been a winning program with Eastern going to the playoffs under Spoo in '89, '95, '96, '00, '01 and '02.

"The alumni are interested in a good program, and it's always exciting going to the playoffs," Spoo said.

There are other factors of football as well. The NCAA standards are getting tougher; therefore, the football team is being held to higher standards academically. Spoo said academics go along with football, and players have to have academic support to get the athlete through school. He stresses discipline both on and off the field.

Football was the first sport to be formed and played at EIU. Would other sports have gotten their start if weren't for football?

One can't help but wonder if those seemingly serious players in Eastern's 1899 team picture knew they were beginning such a long-lasting tradition.

Though the team is 2-3 this year, Spoo hopes with a young team it will be successful for years to come.

"I'm quite optimistic, enthusiastically optimistic," he said. "I'm really looking forward to the next couple years. We are going to be a pretty good football team."

Football Coaching Totals

Coach/Record	Years
Otis Caldwell	3 (1899-1901)
9-5-3	
Thornton Smallwood	1 (1902)
2-4	
Thomas Biggs	1 (1903)
5-2-2	
Joseph Brown	6 (1904-09)
18-14-7	
Harold Railsback	1 (1910)
2-3-1	
Charles Lantz	24 (1911-34, 1944)
96-65-13	
Winfield Angus	1 (1935)
1-7	
Gilbert Carson	5 (1936-37, 1939)
17-19-3	
Harold Ave	1 (1938)
5-3	
Clayton Miller	1 (1942)
1-6	
James Goff	1 (1945)
2-3-2	
Maynard O'Brien	9 (1946-50, 1952-55)
27-50-1	
Rex Darling	1 (1951)
4-2-2	
Keith Smith	1 (1956)
2-7	
Ralph Kohl	8 (1957-64)
16-50-2	
Clyde Biggers	7 (1965-71)
18-43-2	
Jack Dean	3 (1972-74)
6-24-1	
John Konstantinos	3 (1975-77)
9-21-2	
Darrell Mudra	5 (1978-83)
47-15-1	
Al Molde	4 (1983-86)
32-15	
Bob Spoo	17 (1987-present)
105-89-1	

Eastern football facts

First Year: 1899

All Time Record: 424-450-43

Stadium: O'Brien (1970)

Classification: NCAA Division I-AA

Conference: Ohio Valley Conference

No Teams: 1916, 1942

Nickname: Panthers

Famous Eastern Football Graduates

Tony Rome: quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys; Eastern 2002

Chris Watson: cornerback for the Green Bay Packers; Eastern 1999

Mike Shanahan: Head coach for the Denver Broncos; Eastern 1973

Burl Ives: folk singer/actor, also played football for Eastern; Eastern 1927-1930